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SUMMARY. ONLY 14 OF 27 MEMBERS PRESENT FOR OPENING OF NINTH
SESSION OF UNECOSOC COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLAN-
NING. CANADA AND USSR NOTABLE ABSENTEES, LATTER PROBABLY
BECAUSE DOCUMENTS IN RUSSIAN LACKING SYG MESSAGE SUPPORTIVE
OF COMMITTEE AND CENTRE. UGANDAN ARCHITECT ELECTED CHAIRMAN
BY ACCLAMATION; OTHER ELECTIONS POSTPONED. AGENDA ADOPTED
WITH ITEM 6 INSERTED AFTER ITEM 3 TO ACCOMODATE ATTENDANCE
OF UNEP OBSERVER. MWALUKO'S MAIDEN SPEECH MADE STRONG
PITCH FOR CENTRE'S ROLE IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; COPY POUCHED.
END SUMMARY.

1. THE NINTH SESSION OF UNECOSOC COMMITTEE ON HOUSING,
BUILDING AND PLANNING (HEREAFTER COMMITTEE) WAS CONVENED
MONDAY, OCT 13, BY VLADIMAR MILKULAS
FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, LAST YEAR'S CHAIRMAN.

ONLY 14 OF 27 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

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EGYPT, UGANDA, INDIA, IR AND AND THAILAND, BRAZIL, VEN-

EZUELA, AUSTRIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, SPAIN, UK, USA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. NOTABLE AMONG THE 13 ABSENTEES WERE CANADA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND THE USSR. LATTER'S ABSENCE PROBABLY A RESULT OF A LACK OF SOME DOCUMENTATION IN RUSSIAN FOR WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE APOLOGIZED. OBSERVERS FROM ECA, ECE, ESCAP, IBRD, UNEP, AND WHO IN ATTENDANCE. US DELEGATION HEADED BY WILLIAM R. MINER (AID) WITH IRVING A. WILLIAMSON (USUN/GENEVA) AND JOHN GERAGHTY (HUD) AS ADVISORS.

2. ALEXANDROV DEP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECE, READ MESSAGE FROM SYG IN WHICH HE (1) MENTIONED COMMITTEE' AND CENTRE'S ROLES IN STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE AND IN DEVELOPING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH HELPED CREATE UNEP AND UNHHSF; (2) DEFINED THE "CORE CONCERN" OF THE COMMITTEE AND CENTRE AS BEING TO PROMOTE AN INTEGRATED VIEW OF AND A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS INCREASED CONCERN AMONG SECTORAL LINES; (3) TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS IN THE PROGRAMS OF THE IBRD AND OTHER AGENCIES TO DEAL WITH THE DEARTH OF HOUSING AND RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICES; (4) SUGGESTED THAT HABITAT WAS IN MANY WAYS A RESULT OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND DIRECTION OVER THE PAST DECADE; AND (5) STRESSED THE ENORMOUS NEED FOR GREATER NATIONAL ACTION AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, DESPITE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY OF UNDP TECHNICAL ASSISANCE PROJECTS.

3. FINLAND OFFERED AND EGYPT SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF DR. ANTHONY LUBEGA, UGANDAN ARCHITECT AND ABEL FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, FOR CHAIRMAN; HE TOOK THE CHAIR BY ACCLAMATION. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS WAS POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY BY THE CHAIRMAN "BECAUSE NOT ALL DELEGATIONS HAVE ARRIVED".

4. AGENDA WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, ALTHOUGH AT THE END OF THE MORNING'S MEETING THAILAND VOICED CONCERN THAT THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES HAD NOT BEEN DELINEATED AS A CRITICAL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEM IN THE AGENDAOR IN THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE. CHAIRMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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LUBEGA ANNOUNCED THAT AGENDA ITEM 6 WOULD FOLLOW ITEM 3 IN ORDER TO ACCOMODATE UNEP OBSERVER WHO WOULD ATTEND DURING THE FIRST WEEK ONLY.

5. PAUL MWALUKO, DIRECTOER OF CENTRE, WAS ATTENDING HIS FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING. HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS REPORT (COPY POUCHED) IN-CLUDED:

1) HE DEFINED "EQUITY IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS" AS

A NEWLY RECOGNIZED GLOVAL CHALLENGE; 2) THE URBANIZATION PROCESS WAS SEEN AS THE "CENTRAL FACTOR" AFFECTING DEVELOPMEN EFFORTS IN HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING; 3) HOUSING NEEDS HAD BECOME OVERWHELMING FOR MANY REASONS, INCLUDING A LACK OF POLICIES, IMPROPER RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION, AND A RETARDED BUILDING INDUSTRY, AND REQUIRED A REALLOCATIO OF RESOURCES SO THAT "DIRECT HELP" COULD BE USED TO ENCOURAGE "SELF HELP;" 4) A "HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FACTBOOK" IS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE CENTRE FOR HABITAT; AND (5) THERE ARE MANY "GLOBAL "GLOVAL INDICATORS" OF A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN DEVELOPMENT.

6. MWALUKO'S LOOK INTO THE FUTURE PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS: (1) THE COMITTEE SHOULD REMAIN AS THE COORDINATING FOCUS FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN THE UN; (2) THE CENTRE SHOULD SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; (3) THE CENTRE SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE FOR THE DISSEMNATION OF INFORMATION AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGOCAL MEANS (MWALUKO OFFERED THE CENTER TO PROVIDE A "WORLDWIDE COMPUTERIZED DOCUMENTATION SERVICE") AND FOR COORDINATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTERS. MWALUKO'S CONCLUSION FROM THE RECENT AD HOC INTER GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS MEETING ON HABITAT IN GENEVA: "... THERE MATERIALIZED CONSENSUAL SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRE REMAINING THE FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES IN HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING AND CORRESPONDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UN ORGANIZATION".

7. NOTE: IN ADDITION TO THE CZECH AND UGANDA DELEGATES, THOSE FROM FINLAND, FRANCE, THAILAND, UK AND USA ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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"OLD HANDS" AT THESE MEETINGS, AS ARE OBSERVERS FROM ECA, ESCAP, IBRD AND WHO. CENTRE SECRETARIAT REPRESENTED ALSO BY GARCAS, SHAMSEE, MORA-RUBIO, ERGUN, AND NYABOYA (A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MWALUKO). ABRAMS

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